



Minutes of NCA Meeting

Wednesday 8 September 2020

Present: Theresa Ferguson, Jane Combes, Suzanne Featherstone, Tessa Lowe, Richard Thomasson, Annalisa Mather

- The meeting began at 7:05pm. Richard joined the meeting at 7:23pm. Annalisa joined at 7:35pm.
- **Review** of prior actions.
 - The 'good news stories' have all been written down and are now in the newsletter. The stories will be copied onto the website in due course.
 - Maggie and Hugh (Duchy photographer) both came and took photos of the play area opening.
 - Our spend on refreshments for the opening came under budget due to cakes baked by community members.
 - Regarding the process for residents being appointed to the ManCo: Theresa reported back to Ben Murphy our preference *not* to have an NCA presence on the ManCo, but also conveyed our willingness to advertise and encourage interest in the position during our forthcoming AGM. Ben asked us to hold off on this until the Duchy have had another meeting to clarify the way forward.

- **Treasurer:**
 - Jane reports that our bank balance is currently £644.12
- **Environment:**
 - Bat boxes are now up on the SANG. Suzanne feels that the bat boxes are a little lower than they should be and will ask the Duchy if they can be raised.
 - Suzanne noticed that the dog bins are very full. Theresa said they're usually emptied on a Thursday but may not have been done last week. We are however delighted that they're being used.
 - Theresa has heard that the cows are going into the SANG in the coming week.
 - Suzanne raised concerns about the state of the path from Nansledan to Henvver Road which is very narrow especially due to temporary fencing around the building site. The pavement currently isn't wide enough for people to pass each other in a distanced manner. **ACTION:** We will contact the council and Morrish to find out when the fencing around the building site can come down, and whether funding is available to make the pavement wider.
- **Chair:**
 - Theresa offered thanks for all the support we've had over the last few weeks for events such as the play area opening.
- **Website:**

- Annalisa reported that the Duchy newsletter is now on the website. The front page will be updated shortly with new images.
- The Mayor's award will be scanned and placed on the website.
- **2020 AGM:**
 - We have reluctantly concluded that a face-to-face AGM meeting may not be possible this year due to the Covid restrictions.
 - Instead, our AGM will likely be a Zoom meeting.
ACTION: Annalisa will look into subscribing to Zoom for one month so that as many as necessary can participate.
 - During a Zoom AGM, Tess and Annalisa will take the technology lead in making the meeting flow effectively (welcoming people in, muting all when necessary, setting up permissions for the presenters to share slides etc).
 - We do still want more people to join as members, and we therefore wish to advertise more effectively the benefits of joining and all the good things we are doing within the community.
 - We see ourselves as an inclusive neighbourhood with a strongly Cornish flavour and so are concerned that some locals see us as predominantly incomers. We would like to demonstrate that there is a balance here between Cornish natives and those who have simply fallen in love with the place, and that it's not just 'outsiders' buying up local housing. Theresa has therefore suggested running a community survey

to identify how many Nansledan residents are from Cornwall and how many have come here from elsewhere. We recognise that some delicacy is required in asking this question.

- We also want to find out how diverse our community is and what skills we have locally, and the above question could become part of that. It may in future make it possible for us to develop a 'skills exchange' or enable people to connect with those who have similar hobbies. **ACTION:** Theresa to consider how to create a survey and encourage the whole community to participate in it.
- At the forthcoming AGM we would like to talk about our plans for 2021. **ACTION:** We will all do some thinking about what we want to do for the community next year, although we currently don't know what Covid restrictions will remain in place.
- As one idea, Suzanne suggested a Nansledan dog show since there are so many dogs on Nansledan.
- Richard suggested potentially reducing the membership fee to £5 next year in order to encourage continued and new memberships during this period when we're not able to organise many events.
- **AOB:**
 - Theresa reported that Ben Murphy of the Duchy had said in passing that there is some 'good news' coming for our community, involving a commercial tenancy of some kind. We are hoping it will be a pub...

- Theresa closed the meeting at 8:10pm.